#### DEAD IN THE RUINS

· Philadelphia Theater is Destroyed by Fire

WFUL RESULT OF THE BLAZE

ill Lives Last and Fifty or More Persons Injured-The Times Office Also Burned.

PRILADELPHIA, April 26 - The most sensational fire that has visited this city in years broke out Wednesday night on the stage of the Grand Central theater, and before it was got under control nearly \$1,500,500 worth of property had been destroyed, including the massive eight-story annex building oc-

cupied by the Times newspaper. The theater was naually devoted to variety performances, but this week a specimentar production, "The Devil's Auction," was on the stage. Just bewere lowering from the flies a portion of the setting for the first scene, it be-

Str Lives Lost. It is now known that six members of the "Bevil's Auction" company lost their lives is the fire. The fifty-two persons who were burned and injured are all doing well and will probably recover, though a number of them are likely to carry their sears to the grave. The list of dead is as follows:

The Victims. Thomas Lorella, gymnast and one of the sprites Florence Lorella, his wife and one of the coryphasa; Vincounta Chillen, premiere canssiste: Barah Guiden, coryphes: Panchos Conger, the "Madeline" of the show; William L. Brotica heavy man.

At the Jefferson hospital three of the injured are reported as having received injuries which will result fatally. They inhaled the flames and the surgeons have no hopes of their recovery. The three are: William Gumnoy, John Quinney and Fred Evans.

The Building Soon In a Blaze.

In an instant the flimsy canvas was a mass of flames. Tongues of fire shot up to the roof and blazing scenery fell to the stage and in a short space of time the entire rear portion of the theater was a mass of fire. The production requires the services of a large num-ber of shorus girls and ballet dencers. These stood in the wings and along the stage in scanty attire waiting for the performance to begin. They were thrown into a penic and rushed about, scarcety knowing which way to turn to Panic in the Andlence.

During the panie behing the scenes a seems of even more intense excitement was being enacted before the footlights. Fortunately, the house was only partially filled. The sudience had just settled down in their seats, awaiting the beginning of the performance, when when the scenery caught. The next minute a bright white flame shot through the curtain and the audience realized that they were face to tace with that most awful of situations—a theater fire. Everybody started for the emits. The weaker brutalized by excitement, drew a hot-lenite and with it cut his way gh the mass of people. Half a or more people were found at hespital who had been vic-of his frenzy. None of their to however, were of a man was one of the first to reach the sidewalk. Men and boys fell on the stairways leading from the galleries and were bruised and scratched under the hools of those following them. In ell fifty-two persons were cared for at the two hospitule near the theater.

Same of Wild Excitement. The wildest excitement prevailed on tiph streets. Ballet girls in ganze and tights rushed bareheaded around, almost all of them in a hysterical condi-tion. The fire spread with marvelous rapidity and by the time the fire apparatus reached the scene the whole Looming away up above the rear of the theater was the Times nonex building, occupied on the seventh floor by the editorial force and on the eighth by the composing and stereotyping forces. An alarm was promptly given and all the occupants of the building got out in safety. The first, second, third and fourth floors were occupied by Dekoakeno & Hetherington, art-metal workers. Their plant was one of the most valuable of its kind in the country.

Cleaned Out the Times Office. The wind was blowing in a direction to corry the flames to the newspaper boliding and in a few minutes the inttor structure was on fire. By site the entire interior had been burned out. At that hour the west well and a portion of the east well fell, the furner crushing in a large portion of the one-story power house of the Philadelphia Traction Company, which contained the two immence englishs which propelled the centpany's street cars over the lower section of the city. The cast wall crushed the iony-story building occupied by Hamminn & libesinger, manufacturing jawaiars, and pertions of sev-The front wall filled Sansom street with bricks and stone and damaged the buildings opposite. In the cellar were the new presses of the Times, the pride of owner Frank MeLaughlie. These are ruined beyond repair. The reof of ulson house was burned and the silding sonked with water. Abeve the Grand Central at Ninth and Walnut atreets stands the historic Walnut broat theater. Sydney Rescafeld's new play, "Imagination," is being produced this week and the house was well filled. There was great danger that this house would catch fire. The performance was therefore stopped and the sudience quietly dismissed. It was feared also that the Centinental hotel would catch fire. but the building escaped with a slight scorebing. Col. A. K. McClure, editor of the Times, lest his invaluable political library, which he has been collecting during the last fifty years and which

can never be replaced. The following is the letter statement

Diestuger, 88,000, insurance \$5,000; Meadows, \$5,000, insurance \$5,000; sons street, \$12 Philadelphia ctreet, Mr. Philade phia Company, 80,000, insurance ton Company at 20.000 maurance as the street at Sacova-Eighth street former of Sacova-Eithern & Bounds, less that insurence unknown Eighth street south 126. Frank 5. Vesterlein, less miknown. Harry Kurcher, bas unknown: Eighth street, 186. A. J. Coullet Einob. no insurance. Eighth street south, 126. William H. Saindress, 20.000, insurance to known: Eighth agreet south, 189. Bond's Jepan-ma stare, less and insurance unknown. The total of the known losses amounts to 2000.000. LABOR RANKS DIVIDED.

Enights vs. the Federation -Trouble Ex-

ported Between the Organizations. Catcago, April 28.—It is almost a settled fact that from this time on it will be war to the kuife between the American Federation of Labor and the Kuights of Labor. The general executive hoard of the federation has convened in New York to consider the differences which exist between the two bodies, and prominent labor men say that there is no doubt that the board has determined in advance of the meeting that it shall be a case of the survival of the fittest. The trouble grows out of the lookout of the Knights of Labor elothing makers of Rochester, N. Y. The knights, through the executive board. placed a boycott on the Rochester goods, and distributed circulars among the labor organizations of the country calling upon their members to let alone the goods manufactured by the boycotted firms. Six weeks after the lockout between 4,000 and 5,000 knights returned to work by permission of the executive officers, but secretly retained their membership in the order, and the boycott stood. Later, the knights claim, an organizer of the federation attempted to organize their members into z subordinate union of that body, and. falling, formed a union among the foremen and superintendents, who were the recognized representatives of the clothing manufacturers, and consequently antagonistic to the interests of the journeymen. The purpose of the pres-ent meeting is said to be to recognize the union of foremen as a bona-fide auxiliary body of the federation, and to issue a circular to all subordinate unions requesting them to ignore the boycott placed on the Rochester goods by the knights.

BANK FAILURE AT ST. PAUL. The Commercial Closes Its Doors, Its

Liabilities Being Nearly \$1,000,000. Sr. PAUL, Minn., April 28.-The Commercial bank on Wednesday closed its doors and temporarily suspended pay-ment. Since the failure of the German Insurance Company this action of the bank has been expected. Albert Scheffer is president of both institutions and their affairs are very much intertwined. The public impression that the concerns were identical resulted in a feeling of insecurity, which caused a serious run on the bank, and

the strain was more than it could stand. The bank had about 1,500 depositors, and most of them were small dealers. The paper it holds is in very small sums, which makes it difficult for another bank to handle, and will militate against an early settlement. The directors were in session all the afternoon and to-night issued a statement setcaused by the withdrawal of \$300,000 of deposits in the past two days. All depositors, it is said, will be paid in full. The liabilities are about \$1,000,000. THE IS "JACK THE RIPPER."

Astounding Confession Sald to Have Reen Made by the Murderer Deeming to His

Lawyers. MELBOURNE, April 28.—The judge to whom Mr. Lyle made application Wednesday for further adjournment of the trial of Frederick Bailey Deeming refused to grant any further postponement. The Standard says that it is in a position to announce without reserve that Deeming has confessed to his lawyers and the doctors who examined him that he committed a majority of the "Jack the Ripper" crimes in the White-chapel district of London. The article

has created a great sensation. Wrecked by the Wind.

Curcago, April 28 .- Six hundred and fifty feet of the west wall and 100 feet of the south wall of the great manufacturers' and arts building at the world's fair grounds were blown down during a heavy gale off the lake Wednesday afternoon. Two carpenters, A. Johnson and W. B. Johnson, were badly hurt by falling timbers and several other workmen were less seriously injured. The financial loss is estimated at \$15,-300, but the delay to the structure will be seriously felt.

Gone to the Conventions.

WASHINGTON, April 23. - The floor of the house was almost descried Wednesday, especially on the republican side. The absenteeum was caused by the holding of seven republican state conventions and the demogratic convention in Illinois. The republican conventions were held in Maine, Ohio, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, New Jersey and New Hampshire.

Wiped Out by Fire

CLEVEGAND, O. April 28 .- Fire broke out is Hudson, O. a town on the Claveland & Pittsburgh railroad, about 30 miles from this city, at 3 o'cloo" a m., and destroyed its entire business portion. Fifteen store buildings, including one brick block, were destroyed. The loss will reach \$100,000.

Eloped with Rer Lover. FRANKFORT, Ind., April 28. - Early Wednesday morning Jessie Saulaberry stele from her home in Jackson town-ship and met her lover, Joseph Sanders, and eloped. Their wherebouts are unknown. The girl's father objected to her marriage, hence the elopement.

Reid's Successor.

WASHINGTON, April 28.-The president has sent to the senate the nomination of T. Jefferson Coolidge, of Massschusetts, to be eaver extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to France.

His Head Severed from His Body. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 28. The bedy of D. D. Tucker, a school-teacher, of Donaldson, was found Wednesday at Green Springs in a badly mutilated con-dition. The head had been sergred from the bady. There is no slew to the

FALL RIVER, Mass., April 28.-An ex plosion of nitro-giverine occurred Wednesday at the Pall River Granite Company's ledge in Freetown, about 5 miles from this city. Frank Cain and Joseph McNeily, wegingen, were billed.

OHIO IS IN LINE

Harrison is Enthusiastically Endorsed There

OTHER STATE CONVENTIONS

Take Up the McKinley Bill and Applaced Its Salutary and Beneficent Provisions

CLEVELAND, O., April 28 -- Music hall vas filled to overflowing when the delegates to the republican state convention assembled. After prayer by Rev. Or Miller the committee on permanent organization reported in favor of Gov. McKinley for permanent chairman. On being presented to the convention Gov. Mckinley was given an enthusiastic greeting and made a ringing speech.

The platform indorses the administration of President Harrison, the pro-tective polley, and the McKinley bill. including its reciprocity features. It condemns the bill passed by the democratic majority in the house of representatives to place wool on the free list; favors just and liberal pensions to every union veteran; indorses the disability pension bill; believes in a free ballot and fair count; opposes the free coinage of silver, and approves the rigid enforcement

of existing immigration laws.

Nominations for secretary of state were made as follows: Representative Taylor, of Urbana; Byron S. Wydman, of Cincinnati, and John J. Chester, of Columbus. Taylor was nominated on the first ballot. Under a suspension of the rules Judge William A. Spear, of Trumbull county, was renominated by acclamation to the supreme beach.

Colorado Republicana DESVER, Col., April 28 .- The republican state convention met Wednesday and chose the following delegates at large to the Minneapolis convention: Senators H. M. Teller and E. O. Wolcott, Representative Townsend and John L. Brush. Free coinage was indorsed, but Harrison was denied an indorsement.

New Hampshire Republicans. CONCORD, N. H., April 28 .- The republican state convention which met here was a large and enthusiastic gathering. The platform indorses the Mc-Kinley law, pronounces for honest money, calls for a free ballot and fair count, for liberal pensions and liberal appropriations for building up the navy. New Jersey Republicans.

TRENTON, N. J., April 28 .- The republican state convention met at soon in Taylor's opera house. The platform adopted declares that New Jersey republicans record their full approval indorsement of the wise patriotic conduct of naand affairs under the executive control of President Harrison. The election of delegates at large to the national convention was then proceeded with and resulted in the choice of Gen. William J. Sewell, of Camden; Garret A. Hobart, of Passale; George A. Halsey, of Essex, and John I. Rlair, of Warren.

BANGOR, April 28. - The republican state convention adopted resolutions in dorsing Harrison's administration, Mr. Blaine's conduct of the state department and ex-Speaker Reed's course in the last congress. Gen. Thomas W. Hyde, of Bath, and Hou. William Nash, of Cherryfield, was chosen presidential electors, and delegates at large were

Nebruska Republicans.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 28 .- At the republican state convention Amassa Cobb, J. L. Webster, E. D. Webster and L. D. Richards were elected delegates at large. They will support Benjamin Harrison.

JEFFFRS N CITY, Mo., A pril 28 .- The platform adopted by the republican convention indorses the administration of President Harrison, especially commending his foreign policy and Secretary Blaine, indorses the tariff and silver legislation of the Fifty-second congress, pronounces for liberal treatment of soldiers of the rebellion, denounces monopolies, approves of the alien contract labor law, and demands a free ballot and a fair count.

The convention nominated Maj. William Warner, of Kansas City, for governor by acclamation, amid the wildest excitement.

FAVOR SUNDAY CLOSING. Memorial to the World's Fair Commission

from English Trades' Unions New York, April 28. - Dr. W. W. Atterbury, of the New York Sabbath committee, has received from England for transmission to the World's Columbian exposition commitmion a memerial asking for the closing of the fair on Sunsecretary of the Workingmen's Sunday Rest association, and bears the autographs of bishops, peers, members of parliament secretaries of societies and representatives of the trades unions and workingmen of England. There are 490 signatures, and many of them represent large numbers of others. It is understood, Mr. Atterbury says, that more names are to follow. It is courteous and manly in tone. Cu: Into Pleces.

BEATRICS, Neb., April 28.-A 15-yearold sen of George Baker, living 5 miles north of this city, was killed in a frightful manner about 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. The boy was driving a team attached to a stalk-cutter when, in some manuar as yet unknown, he got caught under the knives, the team running away. Young Baker's body was literally out to pieces. His father was reported to have been found wandering about the prairie in a crazed condition and fears for his safety are entertained

Income Tax to Meet Pensions. Washington, April 28. - Representain the house instructing the committee on ways and means to report a bill im-posing an income tax sufficient to meet all the expenditures for pensions; and also a bill to repeal all taxes imposed also a bill to rapeal all taxes imposed upon currency issued by authority of

Carnet Visits the Seese Pasta, April 28 - President Carnot visited the persons who were injured by the explosion at the restaurant of M. Very on Menday night. They are all being treated at the Hespital of St. Lamin. He gave to the family of M. Very the sum of 1,500 france. To onch of the other injured persons he gave too frames. M. Loubet, minister of the in-terior, will introduce in the champer of

deputies a bill to compensate people for personal injuries and damage to prop-erty caused by dynamite outrages.

Pardon for a Northampton Robber.

Boston, April 28.—The sub-committee on pardons of the present executive
council has reported favorably on the
petition for a pardon for James Dunlap,
who figured in the robbery of the
Northampton national bank in 1876. when \$1,200,000 was stolen. There now remains only the consideration of the council in conference with the gov-ernor and the signature of the gov-ernor to make Dunlap a free man.

Over a Fout of Suow. WINNIPEG, Man, April 28.—The worst storm of the season set in here Wednesday afternoon. The snow is 12 inches deep in the western part of the province and the wind is blowing a perfect gale. Over 100 telegraph poles have been prostrated on the Canadian Pacific between here and Brandon and trains are delayed. It is feared there will be loss of life.

Took an Overdose of Morphise.

Marroos, Ill., April 28.—Ed Kilner, recently from Robinson, Ill., and employed by his cousins, Kilner Brothers, as a prescription clerk in their drug store in this city, died at the Essex house Wednesday night from the ef-fects of an overdose of morphine.

HE WAS ALARMED. The Amiable Doctor Thought It a Pro

posal of Marriage. good story is told of a very reverend and very dignified master of an English college, says the Youth's Compan-ion. Although "the doctor" was a serious man, he was also a kindly one, and

when a young man of his college fell ill, did all in his power to procure him good care and the best medical advice.

Finally the invalid's sister arrived, and, as she was young and inexperienced, the worthy doctor endeavored, by constant attention, to lighten her load of anxiety.

she was most grateful, and confided to her betrothed, who was at a distance, her desire that only "the dear distor," the master of the college, should perform their wedding ceremony. The student recovered, and was now to accompany his sister home, there to be nursed that vigor again.

The dector was present to say goodby, and the young lady was full of gratitude.

"Doctor," said she, grasping both his hands, "you have been so good to me!"
"I have found great pleasure in your acquaintance," said the gentleman, in his most dignified and courteous man-

'You have done so much for me, but

I am going to ask one more favor. Will you promise to marry me?"

The doctor, amiable as he was, dropped her hands and started back in

"My dear young lady," he stammered, "I-I'm afraid we shouldn't get on together!"

ANIMAL INTELLIGENCE. A Monkey Mother's Rebuke of Her Off-

spring.

Paul Hull is a most original story-teller, says the Chicago Banner of Gold. The best of it is he tells of things discovered by himself. "Speaking of the in-telligence of animals," he said to a group at the club the other night, "let me tell you what I saw in a museum once. An old lady was visiting at our house last summer and one afternoon I took her and my little nephew to see the curiosities. We were looking at the monkeys. Several young monkeys were playing about the floor of the cage while their mother, half asleep, swung slowly on the trapeze above them. My nephew's head came just a little above the floor of the cage and his shining curls offered a tempting mark for the fingers of one of the juvenile unevolved men. Reaching out he clutched a hand-ful of it and tugged smartly. The boy set up a scream that started the perspiration chi the living skeleton and sent the fat woman into hysterics. The monkey mother opened her eyes, swung sedately down from her perch, and gave her progeny a resounding cuff that sent him sprawling. Then with a look that said plainly 'Do that again if you dare,' she climbed once more aloft and resumed her swinging. Intelligence in animals? Well I should say so."

PHOTOGRAPHY IN WAR.

The Advantages of Employing Pigeons for Carrying Messages. Considerable attention has been given

in recent years to the methods of carrying on communication between points in time of siege. In a recent issue of La Nature, a French investigator strongly recommends the use of carrier pigeons for transmitting messages, and gives a map of Europe with the projected stations for pigeon service marked. During the siege of Paris the method of communication was carried on and a distinct pigeon post was organized, the letters, at the cost of ten cents a word, being sent into the city with a great degree of rapidity.

The letters which were limited to

The letters which were limited to twenty words, were set in type, and, after a reduced photograph was made, the film was removed from the glass and inclosed in amail quills, which were then attached to one of the tail feathers of the bird. So complete was the organization that many thousand letters were sent in this way. There is no special skill required for this work, and any amateur photographer concents with the wet collidion process could, with an ordinary camera and lens, reduce a whole page of a newspaper to such dimensions so would enable it to be disputabled in the motter described.



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